THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) A delegation of Punjab MLAs had called on Deputy Prime Minister. There was no mention by Deputy Prime Minister that a team from Government was to visit Punjab. However Deputy Prime Minister remarked that a team of MPs from the NDA, if they so desire, was free and within their right to visit any State including Punjab. Earlier, Prime Minister's Office received a request for a delegation of MLAs led by Chief Minister, Punjab to meet PM but PM could not meet them due to prior commitments.

(c) Does not arise.

Nexus between Al-Quaeda and diamond merchants

†2270. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a nexus between Al-Quaeda and the diamond merchants of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government has conducted any inquiry in this matter so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof, if not, by when it is proposed to be conducted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) There are no specific reports with the Government in this regard.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Demand for separating Hardwar from Uttaranchal

†2271. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many organisations and political parties have demanded for separating Hardwar from Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the action taken/being considered to taken by Government in this regard; and

(d) whether Government are aware that indefinite Dharna is going on in Mangalore (Hardwar) in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) The Hardwar Bachao Sangarsh Samiti and political parties like the Bharatiya Kisan Union (BKU), Samajwadi Party, Bahujan Samaj Party have raised demands, from time to time, for separation of Hardwar from Uttaranchal.

(c) The Government, at present has no proposal to reorganise the State of Uttaranchal.

(d) Yes, Sir.

Registration for foreign grant

2272. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Asian Health Environment and Allied Database, an NGO Registered (Registration No. S/26497 of 1994) with Registrar of Societies, Delhi applied for registration or permission to receive foreign grants;

(b) if so, the details of date of application and authority who applied for permission, alongwith date of permission granted;

(c) the amount and source of foreign grant received for the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) the details of Members and Board of Governors of the society as per the existing official records of the Registrar of Societies, Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) No application for the grant of registration or prior permission to accept foreign contribution was received from the said Society during the last three years.

(d) As per available information, the following is the composition of the Governing body of the said Society:—

(i) Sh. Karamcheti Satyanarayana—Chairman